



Appl. No. 09/838,382  
Amendment dated December 18, 2003  
Reply to Office action of June 18, 2003

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Application No.	:	09/838,382	Confirmation No. 9258
Applicant	:	Danforth et al.	
Filed	:	April 20, 2001	
Group Art Unit	:	1645	
Examiner	:	Jana A. Hines	
Docket No.	:	D.N. 0100.00	
Customer No.	:	25295	

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND AFTER FINAL AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed June 18, 2003, thereby extending the period for response to December 18, 2003. Please charge deposit account 50-2134 the \$950.00 fee for said extension. Please charge any additional fees which may be required at any time during prosecution of the instant application to deposit account 50-2134.

In response to the Office Action dated June 18, 2003, please amend the above-identified application. It is believed that this amendment places the application in better condition for allowance and that therefore entry is appropriate. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Specification begin on Page 3 of this paper.**

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**Amendments to th Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on Page 8 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on Page 12 of this paper.